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MEMORANDUM FOR: All NOAA Divers

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FROM: David A. Dinsmore
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Subject: **UWATEC Smart Pro and Smart COM dive computers**

Yesterday, UWATEC announced that the company was voluntarily recalling all "SmartTM" dive computers sold between February 2002 and July 2003. Models affected include: Smart PRO wrist, Smart PRO console, and Smart COM console. A software programming error in these computers may cause the alert signals to stop working properly, and in some instances, the screen freezes. If this occurs, inaccurate information is displayed, such as depth, cylinder pressure, ascent rate, etc.

UWATEC has corrected the problem and has agreed to replace current models with new ones. **Effective immediately all NOAA divers are to discontinue use of any UWATEC "SmartTM" dive computers purchased to date and to contact the company for a replacement.** Once contacted, UWATEC will provide a shipping box and postage paid shipping label for the return of the computer. The company has indicated that a replacement dive computer can be expected with ninety (90) days or sooner. Upon receipt of a replacement unit, NOAA divers may resume use of the dive computers.

UWATEC can be reached at: 1-800-808-3948 or via internet at www.uwatec.com.

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